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## **Outbreak of Salmonella Infections in Cumberland County**

The Maine CDC is currently investigating a cluster of *Salmonella* infections that have been reported among persons residing in Cumberland County in the last month. As of October 24, 2007, we have identified a total of 10 cases that are associated with this outbreak; eight (8) are culture-confirmed and two (2) are probable cases (i.e. epidemiologically-linked cases without culture confirmation). Symptom onset dates range from September 13 to October 2 and ages range from 23 to 64 years. The investigation of this outbreak is ongoing.

**Recommendations:** To help with identification of additional cases that may be linked to this outbreak, healthcare providers are encouraged to test for *Salmonella* and other enteric pathogens in persons who present with acute onset of diarrhea, fever, and abdominal pain. Additional information pertaining to salmonellosis may be accessed at <http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/>.

**For more information or to report suspect cases,** please call the Maine CDC disease reporting and consultation line at 1 800 821 5821.